

NIDA Diversity Scholars Network

A Mentoring and Grant Writing Professional Development Program

Application Deadline: **January 31, 2020**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Office of Diversity and Health Disparities (ODHD) is accepting applications for the NIDA Diversity Scholars Network (NDSN) program. The NDSN is a competitive, rigorous, and comprehensive program aimed at enhancing the funding success of underrepresented early-stage investigators conducting substance abuse and addiction research. The NDSN program consists of two separate meetings with an interim application development period to assist scholars in applying for and receiving NIH career development awards and research grants.

The Part I meeting includes: research proposal feedback; discussion of relevant NIH funding mechanisms, the NIH review process, application strategies, as well as professional development presentations. **Scholars will be paired with an experienced scientist to discuss their research proposal** which will be used as the basis for their NDSN mock review grant application. **The Part I session will take place June, 2020, in Bethesda, MD.**

The Part II meeting includes a mock review study section, discussion with the review panel following the mock review, and additional application development presentations to be held in September, 2020, in Bethesda, MD.

All participants accepted to the program are required to participate in both the Part I and Part II meetings.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Early-stage investigators, junior faculty, clinicians, and postdoctoral fellows (with a minimum of two full years postdoc experience); applicants should be within 10 years of receipt of their terminal degree and have not been awarded an NIH R01 (or equivalent grant);
- Minimum of **two published first-authored peer reviewed papers within that last three years**;
- Individuals from underrepresented populations in research; individuals with disabilities; and individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds are encouraged to apply; though all individuals are eligible to participate; and
- Applicants should be positioned to submit an NIH research grant or Mentored Career Development Award application within 6 months of program participation.

APPLICATION COMPONENTS:

The following application components should be submitted in **Word format and emailed by midnight (local time) on or before January 31, 2020** to Dr. Albert Avila (aavila@nida.nih.gov):

- Full Curriculum Vitae, include: past/current funding support, all NIH applications previously submitted;
- Personal Statement, include: eligibility, detailed current and past training, career and research direction;
- Specific Aims Page of prospective NIH grant research proposal (1 pg max.);
- Research concept proposal for prospective NIH grant (5 pgs max.); **research concept must be directly relevant to the NIDA mission**, (a detailed research proposal will be required prior to the Part I meeting); and
- E-mail subject line should include: 2020 NIDA Diversity Scholars Network application.

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Applicants will be notified of their status by February 14, 2020. NIDA will provide travel awards for selected scholars including: round-trip airfare, two nights lodging, per diem, and ground transportation for both meetings.

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